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**COMMENTS:** Re: Application Serial No. 09/780,977  
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**Attached are the following documents:**

- 1. Comments**
- 2. Request for copies of completed Form PTO-1449**

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Rao S. Bezwada et al. Confirmation No.: 3155  
Appln. No. : 09/780,977  
Filed : February 9, 2001  
Title : METHOD OF PREVENTING ADJESIONS WITH ABSORBABLE  
POLYOXAESTERS

Art Unit : 1617  
Examiner : Edward J. Webman

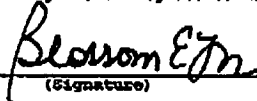
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COMMENTS

Dear Sir:

Issuance of the Notice of Allowability in connection with the above-identified application is acknowledged.

Applicants would like to point out that claims 16-22 and 24 were withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner in the Office Action mailed on 01 April 2004, but that claims 1-24 were allowed in the Notice of Allowability. Although it is unclear from the record as to the reason claims 16-22 and 24 were withdrawn from consideration, it appears that the Examiner withdrew these claims as being directed to a nonelected invention and/or species. However, since these withdrawn claims were subsequently allowed in the Notice of Allowability, it is clear that the restriction requirement and the election of species

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requirement made by the Examiner in the Office Actions mailed on 06 August 2002 and 25 November 2003 were reconsidered and withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,

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1. The Notice of Allowability mailed on August 24, 2004 has been received.
2. The Information Disclosure Statement (PTO-1449) filed on February 9, 2001 was not initialed by the Examiner.
3. It is respectfully requested that a copy of the completed Form PTO-1449 be furnished to the undersigned.

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